

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-66 are pending. Claims 48-83 have been added. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

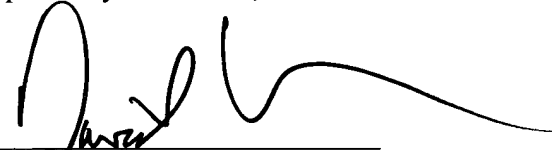
Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 48-83 are for subject matter which the Applicants had a right to claim in U.S. Patent No. 6,568,123 B2, and which are supported by the disclosure therein.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of this application.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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## STATUS OF CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c)

Claims 1-47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,568,123 B2 are unamended in this reissue application, and are currently pending in the reissue application. Accordingly applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-47 remain patentable.

Claims 48-83 have each been added to more completely cover the subject matter of Applicant's invention. Exemplary sources for supportive disclosure of the recitations in those new claims is identified in the table below.

Claim	Support
48	Original claim 1 and column 13, lines 30-59
49	Original claim 2
50	Original claim 3
51	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
52	Original claim 5 and column 13, lines 30-59
53	Original claim 6
54	Original claim 20
55	Original claim 21
56	Original claim 31
57	Original claim 32
58	Original claim 33
59	Original claim 34
60	Original claim 35
61	Original claim 7 and column 13, lines 30-59
62	Original claim 8
63	Original claim 3
64	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
65	Original claim 5 and column 13, lines 30-59
66	Original claim 6
67	Original claim 20
68	Original claim 21
69	Original claim 31
70	Original claim 32

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71	Original claim 33
72	Original claim 34
73	Original claim 35
74	Original claim 31 and column 13, lines 30-59
75	Original claims 1 and 7
76	Original claim 3
77	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
78	Original claim 6
79	Original claim 21
80	Original claim 32
81	Original claim 33
82	Original claim 34
83	Original claim 35